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SUBJ: 26TH SESSION UN COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN

1. THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN OPENED ITS SESSIONS SEPT 13 WITH A MAJOR SPEECH BY THE ASST SEC GEN HELVI SIPILA WHICH PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE MANDATE BEFORE THIS 26TH BIENNIAL REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, A CONVERSION OF THE 1967 DECLARATION TO A MORE LEGALLY BINDING INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT.

2. THE ASST SEC GEN ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF DRAFTING A PROGRAM FOR THE 1976-85 DECADE FOR WOMEN AS A FOLLOWUP OF THE 1975 IWY AND THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1980 MID-DECADE WORLD CONFERENCE.

3. FORMER CSW CHAIRPERSON LETICIA SHAHANI (PHILIPPINES) AND CURRENT AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA, ADDRESSED THE MEETING

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AND OBSERVED THAT IWY WAS "A HISTORIC TURNING POINT"

IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S AWARENESS OF NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF WOMEN AND MENTIONED THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOALS OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND THE ATTAINMENT OF WORLD PEACE.

4. THE PROGRAM OF WORK PROPOSED BY THE BUREAU SCHEDULES PLENARY SESSIONS ON THE CONVENTION EACH MORNING FROM SEPT 14 THROUGH 21; FULL DAY CONVENTION PLENARIES SEPT 22-27, AND A FINAL REPORT FROM REGIONAL DRAFTING COMMITTEE SEPT 30.

5. THE REMAINING AFTERNOON SESSIONS ARE TO BE DEVOTED TO ITEMS 4-9 OF THE AGENDA WHICH WAS ADOPTED IN ITS PROVISIONAL FORM.

6. USDEL SEEKING FURTHER INFO ON INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE AND VOLUNTARY FUND COVERED BY AGENDA ITEM 4 (B) FOR USE AS JUSTIFICATION US VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO FUND FOR THE DECADE. WILL ADVISE SOONEST.CATTO

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